

EDITORIALS

A Crime Is a Crime

In testimony before the House Appropriations Committee recently, J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's No. 1 G-Man, issued another strong indictment on the way juvenile criminals are treated at the hands of juvenile authorities.

The "kid gloves" attitude toward youth crime must be ended as a matter of self-preservation, Hoover indicated to the committee.

The communities and the courts must take sterner measures to end the mounting savagery and senseless brutality of youthful criminals, he warned.

Along this line, he maintained there is no reason for withholding the names of young criminals when felonious crimes are involved—a stand that has been criticized by many leading social workers and juvenile court spokesmen.

Mr. Hoover has the weight of evidence riding with him, however. His statistics show that only about 3.3 per cent of the nation's youths under 18 were arrested last year which indicates that nearly 97 per cent of those in that age group are growing up to be decent American citizens.

Why should the large group be penalized with the delinquent label it does not merit to cover the identities of the 3 per cent.

The HERALD believes the deterrent effect of public disclosure for crimes far outweighs the threat to a rehabilitation program for offenders which authorities claim such disclosure poses.

As a matter of self-preservation, the communities of America can no longer afford to "cover up" for the errant just because he hasn't reached an arbitrary age of 18.

A crime is a crime, and a criminal is a criminal.

A Final Decision

While we haven't seen details of the proposal under which Dominguez Water Co. would purchase the interest of stockholders in Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, we do believe that the people of the area who must eventually pay for any water system installed there one way or another should be the final judge of the merits of any proposal.

The city council, while not unanimous by any means, indicated that it might be willing to drop an involuntary assessment district proceedings for the area if the terms of the purchase appear to be reasonable.

This, we believe, is a sound move on the council's part—it has at least a moral duty to see that the citizens who look to them for government do not get "skinned" by a private firm for a public utility, but by the same token, the council has no moral obligation to cram a municipal water system down the throats of its constituents when the persons involved have an equally sound solution to their problems.

Without commenting on the terms of any such purchase by Dominguez, the HERALD believes that the council has indicated the proper approach. If it can be shown that the residents and taxpayers of the area can receive equal or more benefits from the private system, it should receive the blessing of the council.

At the same time, it is incumbent on the proposed purchaser to see that its terms are reasonable, honest, and fully understood by the residents.

Once the decision is made, it will be for a long time, and second guessing could be very, very expensive.

Opinions of Others

Here is how Abraham Lincoln described the free enterprise system in his first annual message to Congress in 1861:

"The prudent, penniless beginner labors for wages for awhile, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors on his own account another while and at length hires another beginner to help him. This is the just and generous and prosperous system which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequently energy and progress and improvement of conditions to all."—Stanley (Wis.) Republican.

Big foundations say giving money away is a difficult job. Have they tried consulting a government expert? — Houghton (Mich.) Mining Gazette.

The voters seem to like the idea of an ever increasing flow of manna from the seats of government, but when it comes down to cases, they don't want to sign the checks. This attitude can't go on forever. The American people will have to decide not only what they would like to have, but what they're willing to pay for.—Waiuluku (Hawaii) Maui News.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-20	1 Fore	31 Opportunity	61 Within
Taurus APR. 20-19	2 Don't	32 You	62 Friends
Gemini MAY 21-20	3 There's	33 Some	63 Indicated
Cancer JUN. 21-20	4 Participate	34 Exciting	64 Folders
Leo JUL. 23-22	5 Pay	35 A	65 With
Virgo AUG. 23-22	6 Hidden	36 And	66 Give
Libra SEPT. 23-22	7 New	37 Friend	67 Your
Scorpio OCT. 23-22	8 Boost	38 And	68 And
Sagittarius NOV. 23-22	9 More	39 And	69 Your
Capricorn DEC. 23-22	10 Door	40 Or	70 Spiritual
Jan. 21-20	11 Adventure	41 And	71 If
Feb. 19-18	12 Neighbors	42 New	72 Co-workers
Mar. 17-16	13 Of	43 Don't	73 You
Apr. 15-14	14 Of	44 Attend	74 You
May 13-12	15 In	45 Believe	75 Visit
June 11-10	16 Variety	46 Friends	76 Give
July 9-8	17 Don't	47 Friction	77 Dream
Aug. 7-6	18 New	48 And	78 You
Sept. 5-4	19 Power	49 Home	79 You
Oct. 3-2	20 Fuss	50 To	80 A
Nov. 1-30	21 Avoid	51 Comforts	81 Social
Dec. 29-28	22 And	52 Little	82 Little
Jan. 26-25	23 Rest	53 Adventure	83 Needs
Feb. 24-23	24 To	54 To	84 Today
Mar. 22-21	25 Over	55 To	85 Calendar
Apr. 20-19	26 Friends	56 Possess	86 Pleasure
May 18-17	27 Tolerant	57 Fun	87 Be
June 16-15	28 Abilities	58 Romance	88 Are
July 14-13	29 Some	59 Travel	89 Possible
Aug. 12-11	30 Attention	60 Frustrated	90 Frustrated
Sept. 10-9	31 Good	61 Adverse	91 Neutral



RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

Back in Your Own Back Yard

With school out in less than a month and Memorial Week end looming on the horizon, vacation thoughts have again taken top priority in Torrance families.

Despite the proximity of this area to such well-known places as the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, San Francisco, Mexico, and even Hawaii — any of which could be seen on a two week trip — our family decided last year to spend its two weeks exploring Torrance's own back yard.

New to the area, we wanted to become familiar with the sights hereabouts before wandering to the distant pastures, and the result was one of the most memorable vacations we've ever enjoyed.

Shortly before coming here, we had sent away to the All-Year Club of Calif. for a brochure we'd seen advertised in a national magazine. It listed every conceivable "sight" in the county — about 49 in all, with descriptions and locations detailed on an accompanying map.

At home only to sleep during those two weeks, we

spent our days exploring such places as Will Rogers State Park (where a polo club keeps a well-stocked stable, and the ranch home of the grass-roots philosopher has been preserved by the state just off Sunset Blvd.); the Southwest Indian Museum in Pasadena; Olvera Street in Los Angeles, which brought back memories of our many trips to Tijuana during the San Diego years; and Alamitos Bay Marina near Long Beach where we over-looked the picturesque canals with their docked boats bobbling in the still water and the palms reaching towards the sky amidst the houses across the bay as we ate our dinners.

We paid visits to Terminal Island where our boys were fascinated by all the different shippards, the fishing barges, ocean-going vessels which were being loaded with cargo, and the nearby canneries of Sa Pedro; traveled to the Arboretum at Arcadia, where we saw semi-tropical plants from all parts of the world, four model patios where experiments are being conducted by a western magazine,

and a jungle lagoon where jungle sequences for television programs and movies are filmed; and visited Griffith Park with its famed observatory and country-like Fern Dell.

When we needed a day to just relax, we went to the beach and ate at a local restaurant. Exploring the Redondo Pier and watching the men fish there was fun for our boys another afternoon.

After our two weeks vacation had ended and we still had a couple of dozen sights we still hadn't seen, we decided to continue the "vacation" on week ends during the rest of the year. The All Year Club's folder is dog-eared and crumpled now; but we're still making our way down the list. We still must get to see the Arabian Horse Farm, the world's largest lilac ranch, and . . .

Maybe I'd better put away the travel folders, and cancel our vacation reservations. It looks like I'll need at least another two weeks to see all the rest of "our own backyard."

In Years Gone By

Twenty-five years ago today the Torrance HERALD bore overtones of the effects of the depression in this city.

Most optimistic news, according to the HERALD files of May 17, 1934, was the fact that Columbia Steel was experiencing an employment boom, running at capacity production with 1600 employees — 400 more than were employed during the peak of the 1928-29 boom.

Other big industries which were experiencing recovery were National Supply—which had boosted its payroll to 400 persons following hiring of 35 men within a two-week period, and which had doubled its work force from that of the previous year—and International Derrick & Equipment, which was employing four times as many persons as it had the year before, and which had granted pay increases.

Advertising sales at the HERALD in April 1934 were higher than at any time since April 1931 and the HERALD payroll was also reported highest for any April since 1931.

On the less optimistic side was the fact that welfare orders in Torrance were up 1000 per cent, having risen from 284 relief orders a month to 3343 orders. One of the results of the overflow was that food distributed to persons on the relief rolls overflowed the 25 foot square welfare room, an on several occasions had to be stacked in the street, necessitating the rental of additional storage space.

A suggestion by the Chamber of Commerce that a 30-hour work week be instituted came in for its share of criticism from local labor unions while the chamber board in turn voiced its objections to the unemployment insurance plan, calling it an imposition on employers in troubled times.

Current warnings of possible polio epidemics in 1959 seem ironic in the light of recent vaccine discoveries when one realizes there was no Salk vaccine when similar headlines appeared in the HERALD 25 years ago—only then they called it infantile paralysis. Although at that time Torrance had not yet had any reported cases, the epidemic had begun to spread

Pedestrian Rules In Code Reviewed

Pedestrians are given sweeping privileges under many sections of the Vehicle Code. For example: " . . . Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or adjacent crosswalk . . . and, "pedestrians facing a signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk." The latter part of the above quoted section has long been a matter of controversy, and even bitter criticism, among

through the county at alarming rates. Taxes were posing as big a problem a quarter of a century ago as they are today. Although the county Board of Supervisors had been asked to reduce the tax rate to 80c per \$100 of assessed valuation, the board stated it would have to raise the rate to \$2.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation in order to support the increasing numbers of persons on the charity rolls.

While the citizens toyed with the idea of how to reduce taxes and get the indigent off the relief rolls, the bank officials began to unroll the red tape that would clear the way for the re-opening of First National Bank, which would free thousands of dollars of frozen funds some time in June.

Of course, we all know that "no pedestrian shall walk upon any roadway outside of a business district otherwise than close to the left-hand edge of the roadway."

But did you know that "no person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle?"

Also, "It shall be unlawful for any person who is intoxicated to such an extent as to create a hazard to himself or others to walk or be upon any roadway."

Then there is this one: "It is unlawful for any person to ski or toboggan on or across any state highway in such manner as to interfere with the movement of vehicles . . ."

What some pedestrians do not appear to know, however, is that they may not legally start across a street against a yellow, or amber light. Records show that a high percentage of daylight pedestrian accidents are caused by this improper walking maneuver. Jaywalking, of course, is prohibited, and many cities

American Public Holds Key To Mail Smut, Officials Say

(Ed. Note: This is the second of two articles on the growing threat of obscene mail and what can be done about it. This article explains how the American public can drive the dealers in obscenity out of business.)

The American public, if it wills, can destroy the half billion dollar a year mail-order business in obscenity which is having such disastrous effects on teen-age youngsters, Postmaster Clara A. Conner stated today.

"The judgment as to what is obscene is actually in the hands of the citizens of Torrance and other communities throughout the nation, the Postmaster emphasized; and the final judge in these matters is the conscience of these awakened communities.

"We can clean up the mails in Torrance if enough citizens become aware of the seriousness of this problem and use their influence to do so," Postmaster Conner said. "We must do so to protect our homes, curb juvenile delinquency, and prevent the poisoning of the minds of our children."

All the average citizen needs to do if his home is invaded by unordered and unwanted mail soliciting the sale of filthy, lewd and lascivious films, slides, pictures or other obscene or pornographic material is to complain to the Post Office Department. This is done by mailing the objectionable material itself, and the envelope it came in, with a signed note of protest to the local Postmaster.

An investigation is then made by the Post Office Department's Inspection Service. If their findings justify action to ban the material from the mails, the Depart-

ment's General Counsel then issues such an order. If the sender of the obscene literature protests the Department's ruling, the matter may then be taken to the nearest United States District Court for decision.

Where the material in question is clearly pornographic, criminal action is usually taken by the local prosecuting authorities with the cooperation of the Post Office Department. Convictions in such cases provide for both jail and dollar fines for the dealers in obscenity.

Testimony given recently in Washington by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield before the Subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee indicates that no longer do dealers in smut and dirty pictures serve only a few adults. Instead, they are increasingly soliciting youngsters, sending their unwanted and unordered material indiscriminately and without conscience into the homes of the nation.

Postmaster Conner emphasized that the Post Office Department is intensifying its efforts to clean up the mails. Its chief opposition in doing so comes from those who reap huge profits from unrestricted mailings, and from some misguided individuals who confuse liberty with license, and in doing so, unwittingly give aid to these dealers in obscenity.

Congressman Kathryn E. Granahan, chairman of the

House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Obscene Literature, aptly summed up this apparent confusion in the minds of some recently by stating "There are those who express concern for the right of free speech and free press.

"I would like to point out in this connection that there are many situations where a certain freedom might apply to adults but will not apply to children. For example, the selling of alcoholic beverages to minors is prohibited; children under a certain age are not permitted to drive an automobile; and they are not admitted to see certain movies if they are minors. However, experience clearly demonstrates that the wholesale circularization and uncontrolled dissemination of obscene material always brings a good deal of it into the hands of children and teen-age youth."

"In spite of the frustration and the legal complications, and even the court decisions, I feel a responsibility to the public to attempt to prevent the use of the mails for indecent material, and to seek indictments and prosecutions for such offenses, even though it may be argued that it falls in the category of material concerning which there have been previous rulings favorable to the promoters. It seems to me that only by this method can the dimensions of this problem become clearly established before the courts and the Congress and the American public."

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Wants "In" On Good Thing

A California farmer has dropped a note to William A. Burkett, superintendent of banks for the state, which could set high finance back a hundred years, according to the California Taxpayer's Assn.

The farmer wrote: Dear Sir: I read in the newspaper where England has negotiated a loan from the United States and the terms were so interesting to me I have been wondering why we can't have some banking like that done here in California.

As I understand it, although I ain't settin' myself up as no expert in understanding these things, the United States is gonna loan Great Britain four billion dol-

lars, and won't no interest start until 1960, and when it does start it will be 2 percent, with the provision that England can ignore the interest if her exports fall below 60 percent of what they were immediately before the war started.

Now there's a system of banking which I admire and I would like to know why the bankers here in California don't get their bankin' principles up on the international level and really do some business.

If the bank will loan me without no interest until 1960, and none then if my farm don't produce 60 percent of what it did before the war, and I figure I can arrange to keep my production down to that figure without no effort at all to speak of, there ain't no tellin how far I could go, or how much business the bank could do with me.

I understand the United States is makin this loan because it is worried about England goin under, and the same thing would apply in my case. I could meet them terms satisfactorily. But it is my opinion that England ain't in no serious danger as long as there is Englishmen left smart enough to negotiate them kind of loans.

If you know of any bank in California dealin in international loans I will appreciate you lettin me know as soon as possible, as I hope to get there before the money's all gone.

Yours faithfully, J. A.



"It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are remembered." — E. P. Bertin.

"If all the economists in the world were laid end to end, they wouldn't reach a conclusion." — George Bernard Shaw.

"Every dollar of federal aid Indiana gets costs us \$1.53— Gov. Harold Handley.

"It is hardly lack of due process for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes." — U. S. Supreme Court.

"If at marriage you don't succeed, try a gun." — Joe Laurie, Jr.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Sea in Asia
- 2-Barracuda
- 3-Yagor
- 4-British baby
- 5-Carriage
- 7-Lamprey
- 8-Symbol for tellurium
- 9-Place in line unit of Bulgaria
- 10-Drinks
- 11-Without end
- 12-Entreaty
- 13-Boundary
- 15-Dispatch
- 16-Mohammedan religion
- 18-Moroccan airport
- 21-Buy back
- 22-Roadside restaurant
- 23-Genus of grasses
- 25-Crate
- 26-Hebrew month
- 28-Musical organization
- 29-Arrow
- 30-Balfour
- 31-Perform
- 32-Monetary unit of the United Kingdom
- 33-Curved molding
- 34-Trade Union (abbr.)
- 35-Intervening person
- 36-Skill
- 37-Icelandic seal
- 38-Idea wake
- 39-Turkish regiment
- 40-Agments
- 41-Slick
- 42-Protuberance
- 43-Conduct
- 44-Headlines
- 45-The caama
- 46-Declines
- 48-Sign of zodiac
- 50-Solar disk

DOWN

- 1-High mountain
- 2-Inlet
- 3-Casualty
- 4-French article
- 5-British baby
- 6-Lamprey
- 8-Symbol for tellurium
- 9-Place in line unit of Bulgaria
- 10-Drinks
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